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locust Valley Bethel Church of God  
Burkittsville vicinity  
Private

1879

The Locust Valley Bethel Church of God is a one-story brick veneer church with a probable frame structure and a bell tower. The hall plan church has rectangular stained glass windows and a semi-circular stained glass window above the main entrance in the base of the bell tower. Two additions built in 1948 and 1957 adjoin the church on the east elevation. A cemetery is located east of the church. The hall plan with entrance through the bell tower is a form often seen in Frederick County churches of all sizes. The Locust Valley Bethel Church is a good example of the type, with typical alterations of the mid-20th century.

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Burkittsville  
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,  
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning  
Religion

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Religion/religious structure/church

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Locust Valley Bethel Church of God

and/or common Locust Valley Bible Church

## 2. Location

street & number 1323 Marker Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Burkittsville ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Locust Valley Bethel Church of God

street &amp; number Rt. 1 telephone no.:

city, town Middletown state and zip code Md. 21769

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 813

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 18

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-2-57

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

### CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Locust Valley Bethel Church of God is a one story structure built in 1879 with a possible frame structure which is currently covered with brick veneer. The church is a hall type with a bell tower on the west gable end in which is located the main entrance. Additions dated 1948 and 1957 are located on the northeast and southeast corners of the building. It is located in open fields on the east side of Marker Road about 1-1/2 miles north of Burkittsville, Frederick County, Maryland.

The main section of the church faces west with a three-bay elevation dominated by the bell tower which is the center bay. The upper part of the bell tower is covered with vinyl siding. The main entrance door is a modern 6-panel type. The rectangular windows in the outer bays and the windows in the three north and south bays are filled with stained glass windows. Above the entrance is a semi-circular window which is also stained glass. Near the southwest corner of the main section is a dated stone reading "Built 1879, remodeled 1968". The 1948 and 1957 additions are brick veneer and the roofs on all three sections of the church are composition. East of the church is a cemetery with headstones dating from the 1870's.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	1879	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Locust Valley Bethel Church of God is a good example, although altered, of a rural church of the last quarter of the 19th century. The hall type with entrance through the base of the bell tower is a plan found in churches of much larger size, such as St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Burkittsville, but is also frequently used in rural churches. The type is commonly found in all parts of Frederick County.

The Locust Valley Bethel Church of God and the later Mt. Hope Church of God (F-2-56) represent the increasing population of the Middletown Valley following the Civil War and the need for local religious services. Prior to the erection of small churches in rural districts, the churchgoers would have to travel to Burkittsville or Middletown. The name Locust Valley refers to the small section of the larger Middletown Valley formed by an eastward projection of South Mountain just north of Mountain Church Road, which, with the older Marker Road, follows the foot of the projection.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-57

Land Records of Frederick County

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1Quadrangle name Keedysville, Md. - W. Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting	Northing							

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 64, Parcel 179

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date September 1991street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

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(these refs are for additions to church lot, not  
for original 1879 lot)

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